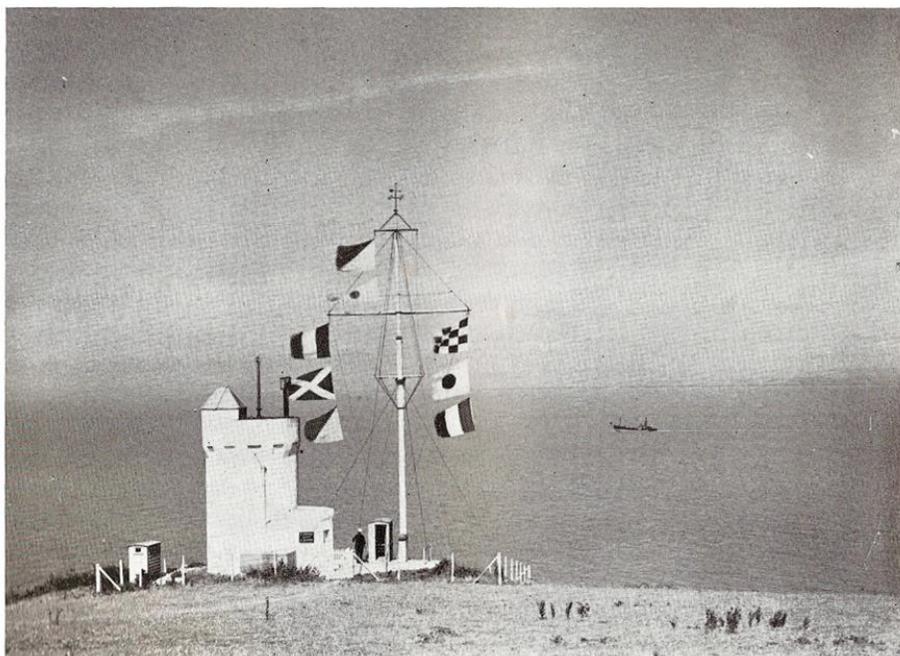


# CROSS TREE CHRONICLE

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WALTON BAY SIGNAL STATION

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## A Note from the Editors

The Signal Station replaced Pigeon House, which in the 1800's, was used to send carrier pigeons to the Bristol Steam Navigation Company in Princes Street, Bristol.

Between 1913 – 1975, 4 signalmen sent instructions for ships by a series of code flags hoisted up the signal mast (if anyone knows what the message says then we would love to know!). Walton Bay provided anchorage for ships coming and going to Bristol docks. One of the signalmen, Les Ayliffe, lived in Rosebank, Walton Down. The signal station is located within a private field with no public access.

This month we are introducing recipes from the 'village cookbook' which was compiled in the 1990's. It's a celebration of all the wonderful food that villagers provided at the various events throughout the year. The measurements are imperial but easily converted, we hope you enjoy trying them!

We start with Gladys Cooling's famous shortbread - they were the reason as a child you turned up to events - so popular.

### **Aunty Glady's Chocolate Shortbread**

6oz margarine, 2oz sugar, 9oz plain flour.

Cream margarine & sugar together, add flour and press into a tin,  
bake for 30 mins at 180°C

Topping:

4oz margarine, 3oz sugar, 1 small tin of condensed milk,  
2 tablespoons golden syrup

Melt everything in a saucepan, cook slowly for 3 mins, it must be  
bubbling continually, stir to avoid burning, pour over the  
shortbread base, leave to set.

Melt 5oz chocolate and cover

Finally, if anyone found Peugeot keys at the Flower Festival, please call Graham Matthews (01275 873408) who lost them.



## **Community Speedwatch (Kevin Edwards)**

Very sadly this month we recorded the highest speed to date of 51 mph by our Village Hall - unfortunately it was a villager! Clearly, we would not wish to 'name and shame' the person but the police are aware and will be dealing with the situation. We would like to remind you that we feel passionately about reducing the speed of vehicles travelling in the village as our own children were hit by speeding cars and we wouldn't wish this happen to anyone else. The Speedwatch team are in place to make the community safer, so please think about your speed when entering the village.

We carried out 4 sessions, during which, 1822 vehicles travelled through the village and we reported 60 motorists for exceeding the 30 mph limit. On one occasion we were also joined by motorcycle Enforcement Officer, Shane Dick who intended to set up his enforcement camera by the Village Hall but unfortunately, due to the 30mph sign on entry to the village being partially obscured by vegetation, he was unable to set up his equipment. So until Highways cut the verges, no speed enforcement can be done in the village. We were however able to operate Speedwatch since unlike the enforcement camera, Speedwatch requires a lower level of proof and cannot result in a motorist going to court or receiving a fixed penalty!



## **W.I. News (Rosemary Brace)**

We meet in the village hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30pm and visitors are always welcome. Our speaker this month is Mr Mark Green - he is talking about Riding for Life. The competition will be an item of flower jewellery. Tea and cake is always served after the speaker, also we have a raffle. Further details from me (contact details on page 7).

## **Social Club (Barbara Wilyman)**

**Village Fete 2019:** Just to say again ..... thank you to everyone who helped with this year's fete and thank you for all the donations we received. On the afternoon we took in excess of £3500 and made approximately £2000 in profit. Some of the expense this year was buying items that we will be able to use at future events - as well as paying for such things as the Children's entertainer; the band, the marquee, the hiring of equipment and consumables for catering.

You might like to know that the income can be roughly divided into thirds: £1000 from the gate; £1000 from all the various catering and £1000 from the village stalls which sell all our donated items i.e. bottles, raffle prizes, bric-a-brac and books.

At our recent meeting we decided to donate £1250 to both the Church and the Village Hall. I know the Church have an electrical bill to pay and the Hall have recently upgraded their flooring.

Some money we hope to use to upgrade our flowers for next year – perhaps get better tubs and more suitable plants.

### **VILLAGE FETE – NEXT YEAR 2020!! JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

The Social Club met in August to review this year's fete, discuss the successes and problems and to think what we could improve for next year. Lots and lots of the planning, organisation, attracting many visitors (villagers past and present included) as well as ordering a lovely sunny afternoon with a great atmosphere is working brilliantly. HOWEVER, it was felt that we have a BIG problem, particularly on the Friday, with a massive list of jobs to be done and not enough people power. On the day before the fete there is a lot of collecting and moving chairs and tables etc – heavy work needing strong arms. All the committee members are there doing what they can to get things done but without more help it is just impossible.

We are going to analyse the Friday jobs and make a list to clarify the gaps and decide how we can improve the experience for next year. We want it to be a fun experience for all concerned.

What we need is 3 or 4 extra people who could perhaps offer a couple of hours of help on the Friday (or Thursday night, or Saturday morning! or the Sunday, clearing up). This could be 8 - 10; 10 - 12; lunch time; 2 - 4; or any other times for example. If we can isolate out the tasks, perhaps one volunteer could do one thing! Which would all help. Of course we understand that this is a working day and it is hard to commit for much time but if you think that this is something that you would be willing to consider perhaps you would email me at [nigelwilyman@hotmail.com](mailto:nigelwilyman@hotmail.com). It would be great to know if there is anyway in which this plan would work. By next month we should have the Task List and we will put this in the Chronicle for consideration. In the same way, for the last couple of years, a team of volunteers from Walton Bay have put up all the gazebos and taken them down again. One job - done well, thank you to them. AN INCENTIVE; I think

I could persuade Andrew to offer all helpers a free Hog Roast Roll or perhaps a free of cup tea on the afternoon (not beer though!!).

Next year we are thinking of promoting the Children's events and the Fun Dog Show more to encourage more families. This year we had: two half-hour shows from a children's entertainer – who was really good; children's races, sweet tombola, splat the rat, other games and quizzes; ice creams, coconut stall and the birds of prey. In addition, for next year, we have already arranged 'Hand Henna' painting and 'glitter face painting' too.

**Please join us for our next events:**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** – Autumn Pub Night in the Village Hall

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Quiz in the Village Hall

### **Parish Council (Don Hill)**

**Vacancy for a Parish Councillor:** We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor which we would like to fill by co-opting a new Member. We are particularly concerned that, since Floss left the area, the Council has no representation from Walton Down or Walton Bay. Visit our website at [www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk](http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk) to find out more about us. We are a small, friendly, very local council and our main expectation of you will be an enthusiasm and commitment to our Parish's wellbeing. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk, Don Hill, or one of the Councillors, in the first instance.

**Sewage Problems:** We periodically receive reports of sewage smells pervading the air in the parish. As you know, we are not on mains sewage, so each residence or site is responsible for its own sewage treatment and the maintenance of the associated equipment. Periodically, even the modern systems may need emptying. Biodiscs certainly need regular servicing. May we make a plea to all residents to ensure that any problems are reported to those responsible for maintaining the individual systems and to ensure that action is taken to keep them maintained? Obviously, smells are unpleasant for the surrounding area. In the past, we have had to liaise on particular problems with Environmental Health at North Somerset Council, who then initiate enforcement procedures to ensure necessary work is carried out. Fortunately, this is rare, and we know that most of us take particular care to keep our equipment well maintained.

Please see "Dates for Your Diary" on page 8 for all event details this month.

**Flower Festival:** I'm writing before the flower festival has happened but the weather is looking good which will be great after a very English summer. Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway.

**Orkney brought to Walton:** On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm in the Church, Tom Chown is treating us to a fascinating slide show – 'Orkney, History and Landscape' – recounting his and Tina's travels on these enchanting islands, rich in archaeological sites and beautiful scenery. Drinks and nibbles will be served. There is no charge but all donations will go to Church funds.

**Jams and pickles:** I'm happy to take any surplus fruit or vegetables to be made into jams or pickles. Just about anything can be used but cooking apples are particularly useful.

**Harvest Festival, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 11.15am:** This year our Harvest Festival will be in the morning followed by our Harvest Lunch. Instead of the usual collection, please bring packs or tins of food which will be donated to a local food bank. Last year we had tables all down the aisle of the church and it was a great occasion so why not come and join us? If you would like to help decorate the church please contact Sue or Sheri.

In exchange for a set of encyclopaedias kindly donated to the book stall at the fete by Anne and Colin, the Boar's Head at Aust have donated a voucher for a meal for 2 plus a bottle of wine. The prize was won at the Flower Festival.



Big Rich, Little Rich Tom Chown



Celia Lovell receiving the voucher

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Bob Baldwin	As above (Clevedon Road)

Dates for Your Diary		
Date	Event	Time
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Come and Join Us Service, St. Paul's (followed by bring and share lunch)	11:15am
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome In Community Café, St. Paul's Church – Coffee, cake and chat!	10:30am onwards
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	W.I., Village Hall *	2:30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Orkney, History and Landscape by Tom Chown, St. Paul's Church	7pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am

\* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

### Recycling Calendar

September:	Rubbish	Recycling & Food Waste	Garden Waste
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	✓	✓	x
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	✓	✓	x
<b>October:</b>			
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	✓	✓	x



### Christmas Cakes!!!



These were really popular last year at the Christmas Fayre so I am taking orders this year

A 6" cake with marzipan and icing on top for only £4  
(gluten / lactose free available)

Contact Sue Betts (before Santa eats them all!)

Copy for the October issue to be submitted by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September